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at least one store coupled to said communications network, wherein said at least one store is adapted to receive orders information generated by each respective buyer and communicate the order information to said logistics intermediary via said communications network.

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42. (Amended) A system for integrating information for the delivery goods from a supplier to a buyer, the system having at least one delivery agent, at least one store, at least one supplier, and a plurality of buyers, said system comprising:

means for utilizing a communications network to transfer order and shipping information between the respective supplier, the respective delivery agent, and the respective store;

means for utilizing a logistics intermediary coupled to said communications network, said logistics intermediary being adapted to employ an electronic manifest;

means for providing order and shipping information to the at least one delivery agent and the at least one supplier, wherein said at least one delivery agent is adapted to delivery and install the goods ordered by the respective buyer based on information in said electronic manifest; and

means for scheduling the shipment of goods produced by the at least one supplier based on said order and shipping information, and an exception report[, and a disposition report]; and

means for updating the electronic manifest [during and] after the order has been executed.

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45. (Amended) The system for integrating information as recited in claim 44, wherein means for updating the electronic manifest further comprises means for generating said exception report [and said disposition report].

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Please add the following new claims:

A4 48. The system for integrating information as recited in claim 45, wherein means for updating the electronic manifest further comprises means for generating a disposition report.

49. The system for delivery of goods as recited in claim 28, wherein said logistics intermediary is further adapted to adjust good deliveries based on a disposition report.

50. A method of delivering goods from a supplier to a buyer utilizing a system having at least one delivery agent, at least one store, at least one supplier, and a plurality of buyers, wherein the at least one delivery agent, the at least one store, and the at least one supplier are coupled to a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:

a respective store contemporaneously communicating respective order information to a logistics intermediary;

said logistics intermediary electronically communicating respective invoice information generated from said respective order information to a respective delivery agent based on an electronic manifest; and

said respective delivery agent noting exceptions and electronically communicating the exceptions to said logistics intermediary.

51. The method of delivering goods as recited in claim 50, wherein said logistics intermediary further electronically communicates exceptions to said respective supplier.

52. The method of delivering goods as recited in claim 51, wherein said logistics intermediary further electronically communicates exceptions to said respective store from which goods were ordered.

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53. The method of delivering goods as recited in claim 51, wherein said respective delivery agent further electronically communicates the disposition status of the respective shipped goods to said logistics intermediary and said logistics intermediary updates said electronic manifest.

In the following amendment new claims 48 through 53 have been added. New claims 48 through 53 are fully supported within the specification and do not comprise new matter. Limitations originally recited in claims 1, 28, 42 and 45 have been removed and recited in new claims 48 through 53.

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